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SUBJECT: PRC GRAIN PRODUCTION IN 1973

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1. AS RECEIVED, REFTEL STATES THAT VICE PREMIER TENG, IN RECENT INTERVIEW, PUT CHINA'S 1973 GRAIN OUTPUT AT 260 (TWO-HUNDRED-AND-SIXTY) MILLION TONS. WE ASSUME THIS IS THE OCTOBER 2 INTERVIEW WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN "SEVENTIES MONTHLY," AND WHICH FBIS SENT US IN CABLED FORM ON DECEMBER 9. IN OUR FBIS VERSION, THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANY FIGURE FOR GRAIN PRODUCTION, SO WE CANNOT VERIFY WHETHER FIGURE GIVEN IN REFTEL IS A GARBLE.

2. 260 MILLION TONS WOULD BE HIGHEST FIGURE CHINESE HAVE YET GIVEN FOR 1973 GRAIN PRODUCTION, AND WOULD CONTRADICT OTHER RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRC OFFICIALS WHICH INDICATE THAT PRODUCTION LAST YEAR WAS LOWER THAN 250 MILLION TONS (PEKING 1749 AND 1825). IT ALSO GOES BEYOND PRC MEDIA STATEMENTS WHICH EARLIER SAID ONLY THAT PRODUCTION IN 1973 EXCEEDED THE 250

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MILLION TON LEVEL. WE ARE THUS SKEPTICAL OF THE

"SEVENTIES MONTHLY" RENDERING OF TENG'S REMARKS ON
THIS POINT AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION
CONGEN MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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